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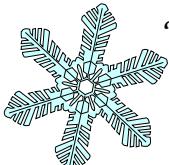
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# Gossip

**W**e really didn't expect to see much of a winter. Think back over the past several years... warmer than average, little or seemingly no snow, even green grass! **Whoa, not this time!** It's always risky to write about these things in advance, to try and talk about the weather as readers will perceive it a couple of weeks in the future. But **it sure looks like we're in for a real winter this time...** like the ones in the early '80s. Back then, we said, stroking our long white chin whiskers, **back then** (we repeat ourself frequently) **we had real winters**, with lots of snow. **By gum, we even knew how to cross-country ski!** We got good enough to steer ourselves down twisty-turny trails and go down modest hills without a face-plant (usually). **Yup, them wuz winters!** So, welcome back, Winter, good to see you again — ya had us worried! And who knows, maybe we'll dig out those skis that we almost gave to the Salvation Army, clean 'em up, wax 'em good, and make tracks through the regularly-freshened mounds of snow. Er, if we can *find* our skis, poles, and wax kit. Hmm... mebbe behind those boxes in the corner....

**Our Bully Pulpit Time:** What is the *Ohio Bicycle Events Calendar* worth to you? 'Seems like not much, in some quarters 'round here. The Ohio Bicycle Federation's primo publication needs the support of clubs and events to continue publishing. Besides promoting cycling events for their hosts, the calendar is a great planning tool that thousands (yes, thousands) of bikies across the region look forward to receiving annually. **Every known bicycle club in the state of Ohio, including those in the Cleveland area, receives enough copies of the calendar, free of charge, to give one to each of its members**

(they're mailed directly to *CrankMail* recipients) plus the entire content is published to the World Wide Web for more free access.. Yet, we heard about one local asking **"why should we support the Events Calendar?"** Well the obvious answer is, **if we don't support it, who will?** The calendar can't do much on minimal donations proffered by many of the listed events — some with many hundreds of riders — and display **advertising sales don't and probably shouldn't cover all the costs of production and distribution.** **Cleveland area clubs have lately been noticeably lax** in their support (we happen to know since the calendar is published out of *CrankMail*'s offices) leaving financial support to clubs in Toledo, Columbus, Cincinnati, and Dayton. So, **c'mon guys, don't do the least you can do** ... help keep the *Ohio Bicycle Events Calendar* one of the best in the nation (IOHO) and get your club, your event, to pitch in and help with a generous donation! Club officers know where to send the check.

**Here's hoping** you had a most excellent New Year's celebration, that 2001 won't find you with lots of karma to burn, that you enjoy the winter for all the good things it has to offer, and that the approaching cycling season is the best ever for you and yours!

**Happy New Year!**

**— The Crank**





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## Welcome to New Members

**Delphine Perrodin** of Cleveland, **Danie Jarold** of Concord Twp, **Gayle Morgan** of Painesville, **Marilyn Taylor & Robert Kellerman** of Mentor, **William Chepla** of Kirtland, **Earl Hickman** and **Wendy Bartholomew** of Mentor-on-the-Lake and **Ira Greenberg** of Gates Mills. Welcome! We hope to see you come spring!

## Out West

September 8<sup>th</sup> several current and former CTC club members and friends converged at the Williams ranch in Faith, S.D. to start a week long "self contained" trek of the Mickelson Trail. **Sandy Kearnast** and **Gene Buzzelli** drove over from Seattle while **Lois Nicholson, Don May**, and I drove from Cleveland. Our friends Holly and Casey also drove from North Olmsted. After Two days of "ranch life" and 13 flat tires on Monty's 5000 acre spread, we pointed our caravan to the nearest bike shop in Spearfish, the Two Wheeler Dealer. "Goatheads" are the worst form of thorn known to bikes. We bought every tube and tire liner in stock. Don held the dubious distinction as the goathead king with a record 28 punctures in one tube! Monty later confessed that the cowboys use the old tubes for saddle horn wraps to minimize the number of rope turns needed when roping cattle. The State of S.D. now has a five year supply!

>From Spearfish we drove to the trailhead at Deadwood and headed south on the 114 mile long trail named after the popular Governor that died in a fiery plane crash back in 1993. The trail was as wonderful as it was diverse. With daytime temperatures in the upper 70s to low 90s and a full moon at night, the conditions were perfect. Campfires however were not permitted along the trail or in any of the parks or campgrounds in S.D. due to the severe drought. We rode as close as six miles east of the Jewel Cave National Monument blaze that was extinguished the previous week. The first night we ended up in Rochford at the Moonshine Gulch Saloon where we drank beer and had burgers and such (self-contained Don!). Gene and I mentioned to Roy (the owner) that we didn't have a place to pitch a tent or make coffee in the morning. He opened up his log cabin, turned on the porch light, and let us set up on the grass in front. The cabin was perfect for a round of pancakes the following morning. This was just a sampling of the S.D. hospitality we encountered. We realized later that the tourist season ends in S.D. on Labor Day and it was a novelty to have bicyclists out touring and camping after that date. Of the 13 nights we camped, we only had to pay a fee on five of those nights.

We took five days to ride to the southern trailhead at Edgemont. At first we rode through the ponderosa pine forests and mineral rich countryside of the northern Black Hills forest. After the scenic switchbacks and mountains of Mystic with many well restored tunnels and bridges we continued south through the high ranch lands and forests of Hill City and Custer. Leaving Custer I met Doug (Director of S.D. Department of Recreation) and Harley (Mickelson Trail Manager) as they had a 2000 Mickelson Trek banner and a couple of state vehicles at the Custer trailhead. Our tour was 2 hours behind the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Trek. We exchanged pleasantries and Gene and I bought some \$6 tee shirts. The ride to Pringle (our day 4 destination) included a side trip to the Crazy Horse Monument. This was a worthwhile stop as Mt. Rushmore (which we drove to later) paled in comparison.

Two miles north of Pringle we camped at Jack's Pleanty Star ranch. Pringle, the "elk capital of S.D.) attracted many hunters for the opening day elk hunt which was to start the next morning. This gave Gene and I an opportunity to shed the panniers and bushwack the forest trails at the ranch (Lois, I still owe you a spoke). That evening we were invited to an elk kabob roast at the Pringle 'gas station and everything stop.' With cold beers for a buck fifty and free elk kabobs, we mingled with the highway workers, elk hunters, and locals until we were sufficiently addled. It was challenging to ride back the two miles to the Pleanty Star under the moonlight. The next morning my sunglasses were in the grass by the gas pumps where they fell!

Day five was the longest ride (35 miles). It started hot and only got hotter. By the time we rolled in to the lower elevation near desert area of Edgemont, it was 95° and no clouds. The Victory Bar was an oasis for seven hot dusty 'iron cowboys' (and cowgirls). Monty, Jade, and Olivia drove down to Edgemont with their pickup and my van to shuttle us back to Deadwood.

The next day we camped at the Rod and Gun National Forest Campground in Spearfish Canyon (where the last scenes on Dances with Wolves was filmed) and rolled down the canyon to the City Park at Spearfish. We parted company with Monty, Jade, and Olivia, and Sandy and Gene started back to Seattle. The following day we headed to Lead and toured the Homestake Gold Mine (which announced its closing earlier in the week after 124 years in operation).

The rest of week two we climbed Harney Peak and Bear Butte, rode the wildlife loop in Custer State Park, saw buffalo and antelope, went to the night lighting ceremony at Mt Rushmore, stopped in Sturgis (the other kind of bike!) and visited Wall Drug. We camped two nights in the Badlands at Cedar Pass where we relaxed, hiked, and went for short rides. We broke camp early the second morning as cold rain pelted the tents at 5 AM with a forecast for snow by noon. Don, Lois, and I stopped by Cabella's Outfitters in Mitchell S.D. on the ride back to experience 'sporting goods fantasy land.' A few hundred dollars later we continued our non-stop drive to Akron.

The Mickelson Trail was by far the best trail I've ridden and I would definitely do it again.

— Mike McCullough

## Prizes!

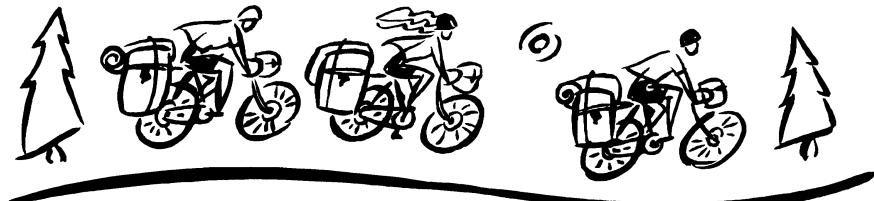
**The Prize Guy** gave away two more \$25 gift certificates! The lucky winners were **Bob Harwood** and **Dana Kalchoff**.

## New Club Ideas?

We will be doing a special mailing at the end of the year with new membership forms and volunteer opportunity forms. We are looking for ideas for new rides and/or activities. If you have a ride you would like to map, please take this time to get it on paper and submit it with your membership form. Rides that have a theme, a destination and multiple distances work great. Example: Eddy's fruit farm.

## Ride Schedule

**Nov-Feb 10AM North Chagrin Pick up ride** to various locations (15-35) if dry and over 35 degrees and the sun is shining and the birds are singing.





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## **LEW Club Ride Schedule**

Annual New Year's Ride January 1, 2001

The first scheduled club ride will be Sunday March 4, 2001 starting at 9:00 am from Bonnie Park. The schedule of Club Rides will be published in the March issue of Crankmail and on the Club Web site.

The "winter" rides will continue in January and February starting at 10:00 am from Olmsted Falls County Library. If there is lots of snow some Club members head over to Chapin Woods in Lake County for Sunday morning X-Country skiing on the groomed trails.

### **Ride Start Locations:**

Bonnie Park – In Rocky River Metroparks off the Parkway just east of Pearl Rd SR 42  
Olmsted Falls - Olmsted Falls County Library Columbia Rd

Scenic Park in Lakewood in Rocky River Reservation just south of Detroit Rd at the East Detroit Bridge in Lakewood

### **Weekday Rides:**

Regular Club Wednesday Evenings – Moderate to fast pace 20-30 mile rides starting at 6:30 p.m. from Kamm's Corner parking lot at Lorain Rd & Rocky River Dr (rt237) in Cleveland (behind Pizza Hut), Call Ed Wheeler at 440/572- - weather depending)

### **LEW WEB keeps club informed of late breaking news**

To keep informed of late breaking news and location of rides during the year check the LEW club site out at: [www.Geocities.com/~bikelew/](http://www.Geocities.com/~bikelew/)

LEW club e-mail list is at [Bikelew@juno.com](mailto:Bikelew@juno.com). If you aren't receiving weekly ride updates and have e-mail let us know and we'll put you in the address book.

### **Time to renew membership and join LEW.**

Renewal application forms were sent to all members and should be returned by March to be included in the Club Roster. New members can join at any time but after the publication of the Roster members are listed only in an addendum that can be emailed out to members with e-mail addresses listed with the Club.

## Club Organization

Election of Club officers for 2001 are: Bob Parry, President; Russ Marx, Vice President; Bob Ugan, Treasurer. John Whitaker has offered to serve the position of Secretary. Chairpersons are needed for the Touring Division and Racing Division. There will be Club meeting dates announced in the next issue of the *CrankMail*.

## Holiday Party

Thanks to Peter Petto for the use of his family cabin for the Holiday Party in December. About 40 Club members attended. Thanks also to Scott of Century Cycles for assistance in obtaining enough door prizes so everyone went home with a small biking prize.



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# Howe Named ABR District Coordinator

*News from American Bicycle Racing*

TINLEY PARK, Ill. — Charles Howe, a race official from Olmsted Falls, Ohio, has been named American Bicycle Racing (ABR) Coordinator for a newly-formed district consisting of Northeast Ohio and Western Pennsylvania. Beginning January 1, 2001, this region will include the following ZIP codes: Pennsylvania, 150xx-168xx; Ohio, 440xx-449xx.

Responsibilities of this position will include initial review of event permit applications and Chief Official's Reports, training and assignment of officials, rider licensing and disciplinary matters, and race supervision.

Nestor Evancevich, ABR Executive Director, commented that "We have stumbled along without a coordinator in this region for two years now." We need to set up some sort of representative and membership system, else we will not be able to continue our presence in the area."

Howe is an experienced official, having worked over 150 races since 1996 while promoting a dozen others. "I support independent sanctioning; it's here to stay and it's growing," he said, noting that over 40 competitive events in the region were held under ABR sanction in 2000. "As new growth occurs, the challenge is to maintain some standard and level of continuity, so I agree on the need for local monitoring and member accountability. My duties will be pretty much the same as what a USCF District Rep.'s used to be."

ABR was formed in 1995, with a commitment to ease of access and grassroots cycling. Services ABR offers are race sanctioning (including liability and medical insurance to promoters), membership licenses, ongoing educational services, and quality race promotion. ABR is an affiliate and founding member of the Federation of Independent Associations for Cycling (FIAC), whose members have agreed to recognize each other's licenses. The other member associations are the Northern California/Nevada Cycling Association (NCNCA), the American Cycling Association (headquartered in Denver), and the Oregon Bike Racing Association.

*For more information about ABR, contact:*

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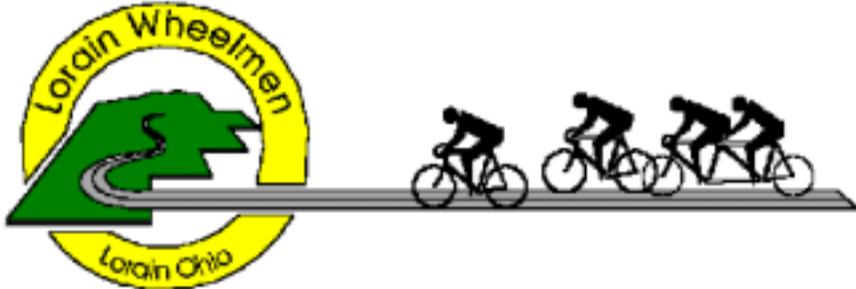
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## New Racing Club Forming



CHARDON — A new racing club is being formed catering to the interests of cyclists in the eastern portions of the Greater Cleveland Area. NEOBike will host an amateur racing team for mountain and road cyclists. It is to serve Geauga County, eastern Lake County, and Ashtabula and Portage Counties. Due to the recent demise of NOMBA (Northern Ohio Mountain Bike Association), area off-rovers may find this group of special interest.

Those interested in either road or mountain bike racing in the area described above may contact Kevin Kimmich at (440) 286-8897 or visit the Web site at: <http://www.neobike.org>.



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## Jan/Feb 2001 Calendar

<b>Day</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Starting Point</b>	<b>Destination</b>	<b>Distance</b>
Monday	1/1/01	Amherst Powers School Medina Public Square	Early bird ABCDEFGHIJ	20 to 25 miles 25 miles
Sunday	Jan 07	Amherst Powers School	U-Show	20 to 30 miles
Thursday	Jan 11	Nordson Depot Ole Towne Pizza	Roller Rides Pizza Meeting	6:30 PM 7:30 PM
Sunday	Jan 14	Oberlin Inn Parking lot	U-Show	20 to 30 miles
Monday	Jan 15	Amherst Powers School	MLK-U-Show	About 25 miles
Sunday	Jan 21	Amherst Powers School	U-Show	20 to 30 miles
Sunday	Jan 28	Oberlin Inn Parking lot	U-Show	20 to 30 miles
Sunday	Feb 04	Amherst Powers School	U-Show	20 to 30 miles
Thursday	Feb 08	Nordson Depot Ole Towne Pizza	Roller Rides Pizza Meeting	6:30 PM 7:30 PM
Sunday	Feb 11	Oberlin Inn parking lot	U-Show	20 to 30 miles
Sunday	Feb 18	Amherst Powers School	U-Show	20 to 30 miles
Monday	Feb 19	Amherst Powers School	Pres Day U-Show	About 25 miles
Sunday	Feb 25	Oberlin Inn Parking lot	U-Show	20 to 30 miles

**All rides start at 9:00 Eastern Standard Time!**

Yes, we DO ride in the winter ... as long as the roads are dry. Even if the roads are snow covered in the City, here in Lorain County the chances are that they're much better. Ya can't pay too much attention to the weather guys when it comes to snow cover in Lorain, Erie and Huron Counties. It usually is a LOT less!

The January and February meetings will have a prologue roller/trainer session at the Depot. After that, we'll retreat to the Ole Towne Pizza House on Cleveland AV and get our reward for all that exercise! Dutch treat, of course.

There were some pretty happy folks at the Red Flannel, the happiest was Frank Minarczyk of Brecksville, the winner of the Spin Doctor folding repair stand. Mike Senchak of North Ridgeville was the winner of the Wind Mini pump & CO<sub>2</sub> inflator combo, while Russ Carson of Strongsville took home a pair of Performance toe booties. J. Wilkinson of North Ridgeville won a huge tube of Chamois Butter, while Pete Accorti of Bay Village took home a Solar insulated bottle.

Photos of this year's Red Flannel are posted in the Photo Gallery on our Web site. Take a look, you may be there! The URL is:

<http://www.eriecoast.com/~lorainwheelmen/>.



*Above: Frank Minarczyk, of Brecksville, took home this Spin Doctor folding repair stand as Grand Prize drawing winner at the 2000 Red Flannel.*

*Below: Cleveland cycling veteran Dominic Vadini is seen returning to Oberlin on the 2000 Red Flannel. Here he is passing through Kipton, about 5 miles from the finish.*



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## **NEWS, etc.** (mostly etc., not much news):

- Our **annual club meeting** will take place on Sunday, March 4 at the Fairview Park Regional Library, 21255 Lorain Rd., from 2-4 p.m.
- **Welcome** to new member Michael Madison, of Cleveland Heights.
- A special initiative of the **Lance Armstrong Foundation (LAF)**, the Peloton Project offers incentives for those who help raise donations for this worthy cause. Just \$75 brings you a fund-raising kit with T-shirt and bumper sticker, and an invitation to the Ride for the Roses in Austin, Texas, on April 8. Club member **Dick Wagner** has set an ambitious goal of raising \$5,000 by February 26. To make a pledge for Dick, call (440) 243-6464 or 243-3432. For more information on LAF, contact:

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**February 11:** Brecksville Public Library, 9089 Brecksville Rd., 2 - 4:30 PM

**February 18:** North Olmsted Public Library, 27425 Butternut Ridge Rd., 2 - 4:30 PM

. . . and pass a written test. These dates are tentative as we go to press; for more information, contact Charles Howe at [newkid2@rocketmail.com](mailto:newkid2@rocketmail.com), or (440) 235-4458.

## **RESULTS**

### Bike Authority Cyclocross Series:

Copley, November 4 – Stern (9th, "A" race), Craft.

Copley, November 11 – Stern (5th, "A" race), McFadden (7th, "A" race), Craft (1st, "B" race), Eldred (2nd, "B" race).

Bay Village, November 25 – Stern (5th, "A" race), Eldred (3rd, "B" race), Hayden (5th, "B" race), Whitehouse.

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## Weekend Touring Schedule

Due to the weather it becomes very difficult to plan rides for this time of year. If however it looks as though the weather might cooperate, call or check your email or our new web site to see if anyone else is feeling as foolhardy.

Sunday – 9:00 a.m. park in the Courthouse Parking Lot – and look for us on the square or in the coffee shop (12-15 MPH)-call Tom Dease or Dave Shultz for ride destination.

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If you get cabin fever and you have to get outside ,dust off your mukluks, and call Lou Vetter or Email Tom Waterson ( TLW@ohio.net ) for copy of their HIKING SCHEDULE

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### The Prez Says...

We are expanding our club services to a new interactive web site with a Membership Directory, Ride Scheduler, Route guide and club message page. With this site any club member can schedule a ride or send a message to every other club member. There are currently two pages, one for ROAD and the other for MOUNTAIN biking, but you can sign up for both. Sounds cool, and it is so if you are a member and have not received an invitation please email tjmd@aol.com for Road and lmiranda@mircosolutions.com for Mountain biking.

MEDINA COUNTY BICYCLING CLUB JERSEYS are going fast. If you want one for spring better get it soon.

The next club meeting will be on Jan. 18 at 7:30 at BW3 — I71 and S.R.18. We will be electing new officers and chairing new committees. There will be no butterfly ballots so your vote will count.

We hope to go tobogganing at the “Chalet” in Metro parks one of these weekends. All those steps should be a good winter workout. Ice, snow, hot chocolate, a warm fire, and good friends, why not? What better way to celebrate winter.

Please don't forget to renew you membership so Glen doesn't have to eliminate you.

## Just the Facts...

*Minutes of Club Meeting, November 16, 2000.*

The meeting was held in BW3, Route 18 & I-17, and was called to order at 7:40 pm. by Tom Dease, with about 30 members present. (An attendance sheet was circulated for signatures but it disappeared! You know who you are – just send it back and there will be no recriminations.)

**Calendar:** The first item addressed was the need to decide on a calendar for the upcoming year, at least in outline. In addition to deciding how we are going to entertain ourselves for the coming year, certain features of the club program should be circulated soon to outside organizations for publicity purposes.

**New Members:** Several new and active (very important!) members who were present were introduced and their recent activities with the club were mentioned. (It's hard to have a bike club if nobody rides! Although of course there is the poetry section.)

**Ice Cream Ride:** The event for 2000 was reviewed and objectives were restated. This year we had 91 paying participants. Glen Hinegardner gave a summary of the finances. Overall, from takings of \$1,695, the club made a profit of \$133.55 but partly on account of a donation by the Westfield Corporation.

The club would like to continue to grow the ride and an informal motion reflecting this view was approved by the majority of members present.

Suggestions were taken for alternative sources of food for future events. The Jaycees and Buehlers were two possibles. These organizations, as well as other alternatives, will be approached some time in early 2001 to seek a solution to this question.

It was mentioned that Medina General Hospital no longer holds its annual community ride. The question of whether MGH would still be willing to support such an event was raised. Is it possible and/or desirable for the MCBC to take advantage of this to benefit both the club and the Medina community? An MGH replacement event could be considered either separately or in combination with the Ice Cream Ride.

**Sharing the Workload:** Organization of cycling events requires an immense effort on the part of a number of committed individuals. Most of the work in the 2000 Ice Cream Ride was undertaken by very few of the club members. In this regard, Tom Dease, as Club President and general dogsbody, should be given much assistance in 2001. Obviously, greater participation results in lighter individual workloads, greater chances of success in any current year, and improved likelihood of continuation in the future. (So, my friends – get off yer backsides and do something!)

**Insurance Coverage:** The topic of insurance coverage was tabled. For both peace of mind and financial comfort, there is an undeniable need in these increasingly litigious times! It is especially important if we wish to attract more people to club events. As the number of participants increases, the risks rise. Premium costs are thought to be of the order of \$500 per annum. Research will be undertaken to determine the cost more precisely and to select an insurance carrier. No one opposed pursuing the insurance issue. In addition, it was proposed that any guest riders taking part in weekend club rides, should be obliged to sign an appropriate disclaimer.

**Mountain Bike Section:** Credit was given to Linda Miranda for her substantial effort in setting up and organizing the MCBC Mountain Bike Section. This segment of the cycling community represents an important source of new club members, and mountain biking is also of interest to the existing membership.

**New Trails:** A welcome guest at the meeting was Mr. Richard Eaton. Richard works for the Medina County Parks Department and his responsibilities include the development of recreational, multiuse trails. He reviewed with us a number of maps that covered existing and proposed trail systems in the county. As an example of some important recent activities, it seems that the Chippewa Trail should be ready for inclusion in the Ice Cream Ride in 2001.

It appears that there will be opportunities for the club to work locally with the Parks Department in support of trail development and growth. If we show interest and some initiative, we can have input to what happens! For example, Richard asked us what type of surface we would advocate for elevated trails through wetlands – boardwalk or asphalt? We could help publicize the existence of the trail systems, thus ensuring additional use and advocacy for expansion. Unless we help ourselves in this regard, we cannot expect others to have our objectives on their agendas.

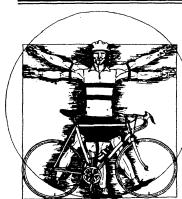
Another organization with interests common to MDBC is the Medina-Summit Land Conservancy. I (Ian Halliwell) have recently become involved with MSLC and it was hoped that their Executive Director, Chris Bunch, would be present to tell us what MSLC does and how we might cooperate with them to enhance Medina County and ensure that we have good places in which to ride in the future. By coming together in support of a common cause, small disparate community groups can have a powerful voice. Chris was out of town, however, but it is hoped that he will be able to take advantage of the next opportunity to speak with us. Richard informed us that there is a major survey of the county currently underway to determine the extent and the need for the types of recreational facilities that interest all of us.

**Establishment of a “C” Riding Group:** Despite the need for a slower less intense (less intimidating) riding group, to enable existing members to enjoy the level of riding that they are comfortable with, and to attract new, less experienced, people, nothing definite has happened this past year. What appears to be needed is a relatively small number of members, willing the share leadership of the rides. It doesn’t mean that those individuals are “sentenced” to slow riding for a whole season, but merely that they do so occasionally – and almost all of us have off-days anyway! Again – let’s share the burden and attract folks into the sport.

**Club Dues:** It was suggested that club dues be increased to give us more funds with which to operate. Although our primary mandate is not to make money, there are certain attractions and advantages in having finances available, especially if we wish to expand the Ice Cream Ride and pay for advertisements to attract new members. It was expressed that the current annual dues of \$10 were too modest in view of what was known about the levels at other local bicycle clubs. Despite a couple of folks being in favor of \$20, a motion was passed to increase the annual club subscription to \$15. Dues should be paid by January 31 of the year to which they are applicable. A drawing will be instituted to encourage early registration, for which the prize will be ... you guessed it ... *a free membership!* (Second prize – 2 free memberships??)

**Website:** It was expressed that an official club website be set up. This was not intended to disparage the efforts put forth by Tom Waterson — more as an offer to help. The obvious dilemma lies in finding an additional body to undertake the project. One use for such a site would be to organize midweek activities by allowing members to sign up in advance rather than turning up at the Square for a solo ride.

**Next Meeting:** The next club meeting is set for 7:30 pm, Thursday Jan. 18, 2001 at BW3.



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# Yo, Wheelers...



Even though we have not been riding lately (except those in Florida), big things have been happening to the Western Reserve Wheelers.

First, and not necessarily in order of importance, is that we have a club web site. Visit us at <http://www.WesternReserveWheelers.com>. The Web site is still under construction. We plan to carry the club ride schedule on the site so changes can be made quickly and easily. The ride schedule will still be carried in *CrankMail* but you should check the Web for last-minute changes. There will also be a bulletin board where you can leave club-related messages or comments.

The Sunday morning hikers will be at it again led by Bernie Kotton and Ellie Einhorn. If you are interested in hiking in the Metroparks on Sunday mornings, please contact either Ellie or Bernie for information on where and when to meet.

Our annual meeting is scheduled in a meeting room at the Mandel JCC; 26001 South Woodland Road; Beachwood on Feb. 13, 2001, at 7:00 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. There will be an election of officers or committee, a presentation of the treasurer's report, and a ride committee report. As always questions and comments from the floor will be welcome to help improve the club. Please bring checks or cash to pay your dues for 2001.

Finally, the sale of club shirts was a success with only two large shirts remaining at \$50 per shirt. The shirts will be at the annual meeting if you want one.

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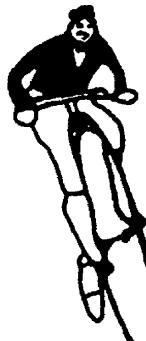
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